New DMU Trains between Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar

4389. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had decided to introduce four new DMU services between Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the number of new DMU services introduced so far during the current year;

(c) the reasons for delay in introducing all the four DMU services between Bhubaneswar and Kharagpur; and

(d) by when the promise is likely to be fulfilled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

East Coast Railway Zone

4390. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the current anticipated cost of development and operation of the East Coast Zone at Bhubaneswar;

(b) the amount sanctioned for that proposed Zone, so far;

(c) by when the zone is likely to become fully operational; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The current anticipated cost for setting up on East Coast Railway Zone at Bhubaneswar is Rs. 111.00 crores.

(b) Total amount sanctioned so far for setting up of East Coast Railway Zone at Bhubaneswar is Rs. 8.36 crores.

(c) and (d) The entire issue of re-organisation of Zones/Divisions is now under review in the light of the resource crunch currently faced by the Railways. The proposed new zones including East Coast Railway will gradually become operational depending upon the availability of investible resources for